

During the last three decades, Ana has demonstrated extreme professionalism, loyalty and commitment to her work. She has proven to be an exceptional leader with the ability to work in a team, develop and maintain working relationships at the local, state, and federal levels and ensure that the goals and priorities of Miami-Dade County are met.

Ana joined the County Manager's office in 1974 and later moved on to Miami-Dade Aviation, where she has served with six Aviation Directors and has been instrumental in the growth and expansion of Miami International Airport.

For 22 years, Ana has been critical to the ongoing operation of the Miami-Dade Aviation Department. Through her leadership in developing the government and regulatory agenda she was successful in securing funding for vital projects at Miami International Airport, including \$100 million for a runway project, \$74 million for the federally mandated explosive detection systems, and approval of the ongoing \$6.3 billion Capital Improvement Program.

Ana is not just a leader at the Airport, but also an activist in the community, serving on numerous boards and associations including the Florida Airports Council, of which she recently served as President, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, the Jay Malina International Trade Consortium and Leadership Miami.

Ana's work and dedication have directly impacted her colleagues, the residents of Miami-Dade County and the thousands who travel through South Florida each day, as well as those involved in the aviation community across the nation. She has been a steadfast leader with qualities that many, including myself, admire. She will be missed at the County, the Airport and even in Washington, DC, but I know that the positive impact left behind through her work will be felt for years.

I ask that you join me in recognizing Ana Sotorrio for her service, her activism and her commitment to working towards improving Miami-Dade County and the lives of others. I wish Ana the best in her future endeavors and on behalf of our community, I thank her for her years of service.

HONORING RICHARD "DICK"
WILSON, SR.

HON. DAN BURTON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the life of Richard "Dick" Wilson, Sr., who recently lost his 21-month battle with brain cancer at the age of 78. Dick is survived by his wife Phyllis JoAn; two sons, Rick (and his wife Leslie), Indianapolis, Indiana—my long-time staffer and former District Director—Steve (and his wife Michelle), Overland Park, Kansas; a daughter, Patricia Geyling (and her husband Rolf), Santa Barbara, California; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Study after study has proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that fathers play an important role in teaching their children life lessons and preparing them to succeed in life. Although I did not know Dick Wilson, Sr. very well, I do know his son Rick extremely well. For a little over 15 years Rick Wilson served the people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District with grace and skill; first as director of my mobile office and later as my District Director. And if the measure of a father is the quality of the children that he raises, then based upon what I know about his son Rick, Dick Wilson, Sr. was undoubtedly an exceptional man.

Richard "Dick" Wilson was born December 29, 1931, in Schenectady, NY. He graduated from Mount Pleasant High School in 1950 and attended the University of Kansas on a cross country and track scholarship. Dick was a member of the 1953 NCAA championship cross-country team—Kansas' only cross-country team to ever win a national championship—and part of the four-mile relay team that broke the American record that same year. In 2008 he was inducted into the KU Athletics Hall of Fame.

After graduating from the University of Kansas, Dick Wilson served in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserves from 1956 to 1968, achieving the rank of captain.

On July 15, 1956, he married Phyllis JoAn Fink. He and his wife raised three children, moving from Schenectady, NY, to Palatine, IL, and then to Indianapolis before settling in Lawrence in 1992.

Dick began his career in commercial underwriting in 1957; eventually serving with the Travelers Insurance Company for 35 years before he retired in 1992 in Lawrence.

In addition to working hard all of his life and raising a family, Dick Wilson was also a competitive Masters runner for more than 30 years; and was nationally ranked in the top 10 of his age group every year from 1985 to 2005—a remarkable 20 year streak. In fact, in 2003 Dick was ranked No. 2 in the nation and No. 4 in the World in his age group.

Twenty-one months ago though, Dick began the race for his life when he was diagnosed with cancer; a race he would ultimately lose. However, no matter the odds, Dick never gave up living life. Last year, after doctors removed 95 percent of a brain tumor, Dick ran in the Head for the Cure 5K—a race to support the Chris Anthony Tumor Research Fund at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. The race honors the late Chris Anthony, who died at the age of 37 from a brain tumor. When interviewed by the *Kansas*—the University of Kansas' Daily newspaper—about what running in the Chris Anthony meant to him, Dick said: "Maybe someday there will be a cure, and if there is, it can hopefully help my children and help my grandchildren."

Shakespeare once wrote: "All the world's a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts. . . ." Dick Wilson played his parts and played them well. May flights of angels sing him to his eternal rest.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in sending condolences and best wishes to the Wilson Family in their time of need. God bless you.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF JUBILEE DAY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 29, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Jubilee Day, which is celebrated on October 6 of every year by the Fisk University community.

Just after the end of the Civil War, the Fisk School was founded in Nashville, Tennessee as an educational institute that would be open to all, regardless of race or age. However, just five years after its founding, the school faced dire economic struggles.

In an effort to save the University from closing, a group of students formed a choral group, the Fisk Jubilee Singers, with the goal of raising money to fund the institution. They took all of the funds in the university's treasury for travel expenses, hoping that the enormous risk would pay off.

Despite a few initial struggles, the Jubilee Singers eventually came to tour throughout the United States and Europe and raised enough funds to not only preserve the university but also to pay for the construction of Jubilee Hall, the first permanent structure built for the education of African-American students in the South.

The singers came to perform for such notable figures as William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Ulysses S. Grant, William Gladstone, Mark Twain, Johann Strauss, and Queen Victoria, and introduced the world to the spirituals of enslaved Africans as a musical genre.

Since its founding in 1866, Fisk has educated countless intellectual, artistic, and civic leaders, and has played a pivotal role in the advancement of education for African-American students. None of its accomplishments would have been possible without the talents and sacrifices of that first group of nine students.

To honor the hard work, perseverance, and accomplishments of the original Jubilee Singers and the continued success of the generations of Jubilee Singers who followed and continue to tour today, Fisk University celebrates Jubilee Day on October 6 of every year.

This year in particular, members of the Fisk community in Washington, DC, will come together for an event at the Capitol to celebrate Jubilee Day along with the Fisk community in Nashville.

Madam Speaker, as a proud alumnus of Fisk, I urge my colleagues to join me in this year's celebration of Jubilee Day by cosponsoring this resolution, and I urge its immediate consideration.